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Group Art Unit: 2879
Examiner: H. Harper

REMARKS

The Office Action is a Restriction Requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention drawn to a device and including claims 1-19. The election is made with traverse.

Applicants most respectfully submit that the grounds set forth are insufficient to establish patentably distinct inventions since it is evident that the process may be practiced by the method of the Group II invention and searching the two together would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. That is, the claims are linked together to form a single invention. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, this application should now be in condition for examination, and an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and most respectfully requested.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned may be reached at his Alexandria, Virginia office at (703) 683-0500.

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